CLAIM AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1–14 without prejudice to the underlying subject matter.

Please add the following new claims:

15. (New) A method for booking domain names, comprising:

in response to receiving at least one domain name from a customer, determining whether the domain name is available;

if the domain name is available, presenting an option to book the domain name to the customer, the option to book the domain name including an option to reserve the domain name and an option to register the domain name;

in response to receiving a domain name reservation request from the customer, prompting the customer for a username and a password;

in response to receiving the username and the password from the customer, presenting a domain name reservation form to the customer;

in response to receiving a completed domain name reservation form from the customer, presenting a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer;

in response to receiving payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer, reserving the domain name.

16. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein the domain name reservation form includes account holder information, contact information and account password information.

17. (New) The method of claim 15, wherein said reserving the domain name includes:

selecting a primary name server and a secondary name server from a plurality of name servers;

creating a first domain name entry in the primary name server and the second domain name entry in a secondary name server;

creating a template based on the completed domain name reservation form; and

storing domain name information based on the template within a reservation database.

18. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein said selecting the primary name server and the secondary name server is based on a load balancing procedure.

19. (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising:

determining whether the domain name is already stored within the reservation database; and

if so determined, invalidating the domain name reservation request.

20. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

in response to receiving a domain name registration request from the customer, prompting the customer for an NIC handle,

in response to receiving the NIC handle from the customer, presenting a domain name registration agreement template to the customer;

in response to receiving a completed domain name registration agreement from the customer, presenting a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer;

in response to receiving payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer, sending a first electronic mail message, including the completed domain name registration agreement, to the customer; and

in response to receiving a second electronic mail message, including a verified domain name registration agreement, from the customer, registering the domain name.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the domain name registration agreement template includes registrant information, administrative contact information, technical contact information and billing contact information.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the completed domain name registration agreement includes a customer electronic mail address and name server information.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, wherein said registering the domain name further comprises:

sending a third electronic mail message, including a tracking number associated with the domain name, to the customer;

storing domain name information based on the verified domain name registration agreement in a registration database; and

sending the domain name information to a registry for registration.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

determining whether the domain name is already stored within the registration database; and

if so determined, invalidating the domain name registration request.

25. (New) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

in response to receiving the domain name from the customer, determining at least one alternative domain name based on the domain name;

presenting the alternative domain name to the customer; and

receiving the alternative domain name from the customer for booking.

26. (New) A system for booking domain names over a network, comprising:

at least one load balancing server, coupled to the network, adaptively configured to:

receive a booking request, including at least one domain name, from a customer;

a plurality of registration servers, coupled to the network, the load balancing server and a registration database, each of the plurality of registration servers adaptively configured to:

receive the booking request forwarded from the load balancing server,

determine whether the domain name is available,

if so determined, present an option to book the domain name to the customer, the option to book the domain name including an option to reserve the domain name and an option to register the domain name, and

receive a domain name reservation request from the customer; and

a plurality of reservation servers, coupled to the network, the load balancing server and a reservation database, each of the plurality of reservation servers adaptively configured to:

receive the domain name reservation request forwarded from one of the plurality of registration servers,

prompt the customer for a username and a password,

present a domain name reservation form to the customer in response to receipt of the username and the password from the customer,

present a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer in response to receipt of a completed domain name reservation form from the customer, and

reserve the domain name in response to receipt of payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer.

27. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein the domain name reservation form includes account holder information, contact information and account password information.

28. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein to reserve the domain name includes to:

select a primary name server and a secondary name server from a plurality of name servers;

create a first domain name entry in the primary name server and the second domain name entry in a secondary name server;

create a template based on the domain name reservation form; and

store domain name information based on the template within the reservation database.

29. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein to select the primary name server and the secondary name server is based on a load balancing procedure.

30. (New) The system of claim 28, wherein the each of the plurality of reservation servers is further adapted to:

determine whether the domain name is already stored within the reservation database; and

if so determined, invalidate the domain name reservation request.

31. (New) The system of claim 26, wherein the each of the plurality of registration servers is further adapted to:

prompt the customer for an NIC handle in response to receipt of a domain name registration request from the customer;

present a domain name registration agreement template to the customer in response to receipt of the NIC handle from the customer;

present a cost summary, a request for payment and a legal agreement to the customer in response to receipt of a completed domain name registration agreement from the customer;

send a first electronic mail message, including the completed domain name registration agreement, to the customer in response to receipt of payment information and an acceptance of the legal agreement from the customer; and

register the domain name in response to receipt of a second electronic mail message, including a verified domain name registration agreement, from the customer.

32. (New) The system of claim 31, wherein the domain name registration agreement template includes registrant information, administrative contact information, technical contact information and billing contact information.

33. (New) The system of claim 32, wherein the completed domain name registration agreement includes a customer electronic mail address and name server information.

34. (New) The system of claim 33, wherein to register the domain name further comprises to:

send a third electronic mail message, including a tracking number associated with the domain name, to the customer;

store domain name information based on the verified domain name registration agreement in the registration database; and

send the domain name information to a registry for registration.

35. (New) The system of claim 34, wherein the each of the plurality of registration servers is further adapted to:

determine whether the domain name is already stored within the registration database; and

if so determined, invalidate the domain name registration request.